

Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The background is dark and textured, possibly showing architectural details like a window frame or stone wall. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

27. The Spirit Maketh Intercession for Us

Romans 8:26 "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

Meaning: Not only does the Christian intercede on the behalf of others, but the Holy Spirit intercedes before God on the behalf of every Christian. The Holy Spirit's intercession for us is with groanings which cannot be uttered, and is according to the will of God (v. 26, 27). The confidence of Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good" is because we know that the Holy Spirit is interceding on our behalf.

Application: Where we are weak in prayer, the Holy Spirit helps us. We might not know exactly what to say to God or how to say it, but the Holy Spirit says it for us. We could not have a better representative before God than the Holy Spirit. We can hinder our Intercessor, the Holy Spirit, when we grieve Him (Ephesians 4:30), vex Him (Isaiah 63:10), resist Him (Acts 7:51), tempt Him (Acts 5:9), quench Him (I Thessalonians 5:19), or lie to Him (Acts 5:3). The Holy Spirit is the believer's indwelling Advocate to help with his ignorance and infirmities!

Other Verses for Study: Luke 22:31, 32; Romans 8:15, 34; Galatians 4:6, 7; Ephesians 6:18; Hebrews 7:25; Jude 20

1. The Holy Spirit's interceding for us is always according to what?

2. What are two things that will hinder the Holy Spirit interceding for us? _____

3. With what two things does the Holy Spirit help us?

"Every mighty movement of the Spirit of God has had its source in the prayer chamber."